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SUBJECT: MILITARY INCIDENT IN SOUTHERN REGION

1. FEB 26 PRESS CARRIES LONG STATEMENT FROM OFFICE SOUTHERN REGION VP ABOUT SERIOUS INCIDENT FEB 17 INVOLVING COMPANY OF ANYANYA TROOPS STATIONED WEST OF WAU IN BAHR AL-GHAZAL. INCIDENT EVIDENTLY INSTIGATED BY CAPTAIN ALFRED AGWET, AFTER HIS FAILURE BE PROMOTED. AGWET ORDERED HIS COMPANY (SOME 100 SOLDIERS) TO GET ARMS AND AMMO AND MOVE IN DIRECTION OF AWEIL. BRIG. EMANUEL ABUR NHIAL, COL. JIBRIL ABDULLAH MABOK, MAJOR LAWRENCE ALEU AND POLICE INSPECTOR BULLEN KUSHA WENT AFTER GROUP UNARMED TO ASCERTAIN PROBLEM. AGWET REPORTEDLY SHOT AND KILLED ALL BUT ALEU WHO WAS WOUNDED BUT EXPECTED RECOVER. SIXTY-EIGHT SOLDIERS HAVE RETURNED TO WAU BUT BALANCE, WITH AGWET, HAVE TAKEN TO BUSH. STATEMENT CONCLUDES THAT AGWET IS WANTED FOR DESERTION AND MURDER. STATEMENT IS AT PAINS POINT OUT THAT ONLY REGULAR AND ONLY NORTHERNER INVOLVED WAS ONE RATIONS CLERK WHO AGWET RELEASED VOLUNTARILY.

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2. COMMENT. KHARTOUM RUMOR MILL HAS SPUN FOR

SEVERAL DAYS WITH STORIES OF ALLEGED "MUTINY NEAR
AWEIL". STATEMENT NO DOUBT HAS BEEN ISSUED TO ALLAY
SPECULATION. EMANUEL ABUR IS DINKA WHO WAS SECOND IN
COMMAND TO GENERAL LAGU IN ANYANYA DURING CIVIL WAR.
BELIEVE HE WAS RECENTLY SECOND IN COMMAND AT WAU. WHILE
WE HAVE NO INDEPENDENT ACCOUNT OF INCIDENT, THERE HAS IN PAST
BEEN HEARTBURN AMONG SENIOR ANYANYA ASSOCIATES OF LAGU
FOR THEIR CONTINUED RELATIVE OBSCURITY (ONE BRIG SAMUEL
ABU JOHN KABASH, WAS NAMED REGIONAL MINISTER OF COMMUNICA-
TIONS WHEN HEC WAS RESHUFFLED LAST SUMMER). CONTINUING
NORTH/SOUTH FRICTION OVER INTEGRATION ANYANYA INTO REGULAR
FORCES MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN FACTOR, THOUGH GOS STATEMENT
AT PAINS SEEK TO EXCLUDE THIS ASPECT. BREWER

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